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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR KS VN
SUBJECT: KOREANS IN VIET-NAM

REF: SEOUL 3207 (NOTAL)

1. KOREAN EMBOFF REPORTED MAY 27 THAT 131 KOREANS AND/OR DEPENDENTS DEPARTED SAIGON BETWEEN FEB 24 AND MAY 5, WITH ANOTHER 164 AWAITING PERMISSION TO LEAVE. PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED WITH RTG IMMIGRATION OVER KOREANS WHO HAVE ARRIVED HERE AND REFUSED TO DEPART FOR ROK, TRYING INSTEAD TO GO TO THIRT COUNTRIES. THIS HAS BLOCKED FURTHER ARRIVALS SINCE MAY 5, BUT SOURCE CLAIMED PROBLEM IS NOW APPARENTLY RESOLVED AND OTHERS WILL BE COMING OUT SOON, IF THE VIETNAMESE COOPERATE.

2. KOREAN CONFIDED THAT HEAD OF KOREAN ASSOCIATION IN SAIGON AGAIN RECEIVED PERMISSION DURING MAY TO PAY A VISIT TO TWO OF THE THREE KOREAN DIPLOMATS INCARCERATED AT CHI HOA PRISON. HE REPORTED THAT THE TWO, SO PYONG-MO
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AND KIM HI-WON, WERE IN RELATIVELY GOOD CONDITION. HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT MINISTER YI TAE-YONG, HELD IN A SEPARATE PART OF THE PRISON. FROM WHAT HE LEARNED, THE MINISTER'S LIVER AILMENT SEEMS TO BE FAIRLY SERIOUS. KOREANS ARE SENDING IN PARCELS OF MEDICINES BY MAIL TO SAIGON, WHICH HEAD OF KOREAN ASSOCIATION IS ABLE TO HAVE DELIVERED TO THE THREE DIPLOMATS AT THE PRISON.

3. SOURCE NOTED THAT ICRC HAS INTERVENED NUMEROUS TIMES
WITH SRV AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN PRISONERS' RELEASE BUT
WITHOUT ANY SUCCESS.
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NOTE BY OCT: DISSIMINATION COORDINATED WITH SS-O PER MR. SMITH.

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